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News worth sharing.

# 'Groundbreaking' conversation

**First time.** Police brass gets presentation from group dedicated to legalizing, regulating, taxing drugs

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The new chief of Halifax Regional Police is getting

praise for the "groundbreaking" decision to hear a presentation from a group dedicated to reforming current drug laws.

The president of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) Canada made an hour-long presentation to Chief Jean-Michel Blais and senior police management Tuesday on drug prohibition.

LEAP is made up of current and former law-en-

forcement officers devoted to ending the failed war on drugs by legalizing, regulating and taxing illegal substances.

Canadian president David Bratzer said it's the first time a Canadian police chief has asked a LEAP representative to address serving officers.

"It shows a police chief who's open-minded and willing to engage in dialogue about complex issues," said

Bratzer. "It is groundbreaking. In my view, what he did is national police leadership. I can't say enough about it, I'm so impressed."

Blais said he invited Bratzer to speak in the interests of being open to a range of new ideas on policing.

"As we continue looking at the sustainability of policing practices here in HRM ... overall, what are we doing? Does this make sense?" he asked. "We may

not agree with his points ... but it doesn't mean we can't listen and learn from there."

Bratzer, a police officer in British Columbia, said the presentation seemed well-received.

"These senior officers are very experienced and they asked some good questions," said Bratzer, adding that his views do not represent those of his employer. "It's exactly what we need, to be having a national discussion about this issue."

Blais said Bratzer made some compelling points, and said he'd recommend a LEAP presentation to other police chiefs in Nova Scotia.

"I'd be willing to do (that) in an effort to allow them to understand some of the challenges that are there, and some of the intellectual opportunities for a rational discussion," he said.

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A Halifax pot smoker prepares to light a joint in a photo taken this week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

**Quoted**



"These are societal choices that have to be made.... If by having (Bratzer) out here we've done nothing but start that conversation to look at questioning some of our assumptions, I'll be very happy."

Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais



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Who should pay for HRM's sidewalks? Council debated that point for three hours on Tuesday before coming up with a new tax formula. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Council simplifies sidewalk taxes

**Old rules a 'mishmash'.**  
New tax formula  
ratified by council 12-3



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An urban-suburban divide was the source of some friction at Halifax regional council's weekly meeting, as politicians debated how the municipality's sidewalks should be taxed.

After a three-hour debate on Tuesday, council decided residents in urban areas would all pay a sidewalk tax, as well as suburban residents

within one kilometre of a sidewalk, as part of the 2013-14 budget, which will land before council this spring.

People living in rural areas would not pay for sidewalks unless there is a sidewalk in the area. If a sidewalk were to be added, it would be paid for through a local improvement charge or an area rate, said Bruce Fisher, manager of financial policy and planning.

"The difference is that they brought in a lot of simplicity within the urban area. In the urban area, you had a whole mishmash of various local improvement charges and frontage rates," Fisher said outside of council chambers. "Those have disappeared and it's become

## Suburban density

# 2,000

The number of homes within one kilometre of a sidewalk in a suburban area.

much more simplistic."

Fisher said people living in a suburban area within one kilometre of a sidewalk can expect to pay between \$16 and \$30. That's based on a \$210,000 property assessment, he said.

He said people in the urban area won't see much of a change on their tax bills.

Council also had two other options: Increase the general tax rate — which all residents

in urban, suburban and rural areas would pay into — or combine a smaller general tax-rate increase with an area rate for those living within one kilometre of a sidewalk, Coun. Wayne Mason said after the meeting.

The at-times-heated debate was largely split along urban and suburban lines. Some councillors, including Barry Dalrymple, were against residents having to pay for sidewalks that are of no benefit to them.

"We're going to impose another tax on people ... who have no hope, no chance of ever seeing a sidewalk," said Dalrymple, who represents Waverley-Fall River-Musquodoboit Valley.

## Amber Kirwan case. Pre-trial underway in murder case

The preliminary inquiry for a Pictou County man charged with abducting and murdering Amber Kirwan is underway.

Christopher Falconer is charged with kidnapping and first-degree murder in the death of 19-year-old Kirwan, who went missing in October 2011. Her body was found in Heathbell about a month later.

Proceedings began on Monday and are expected to last up to 15 days.

Judge Del Atwood has banned any information or evidence being released from the inquiry, including on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Falconer, who is already in Dorchester Penitentiary for a parole violation on an unrelated conviction, will be remanded to the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside for the duration of the inquiry. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

## Investigation called off

### Police rule death as accidental

The death of a young man found in a mobile home on Chebogue Lane on Monday evening has been ruled accidental, police say.

Police were called to the home at 52 Chebogue Lane at 4:13 p.m. to investigate the death of a 21-year-old man.

The death was deemed suspicious and police held the Dartmouth scene while waiting for the medical examiner to release an autopsy report.

"They ruled that foul play was not involved in his death," Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said on Tuesday. "His death was accidental."

Bourdages said an accidental death means it is "not a homicide and it's no longer suspicious."

The victim's name won't be released.

"There will be no need for further police investigation," he said.

Residents of the trailer park said the 21-year-old was a "good, quiet kid" who lived with his mother.

Police must treat any death as suspicious if the cause is not immediately evident, until a determination is made by the medical examiner.

**HALEY RYAN/METRO**

## Metro Transit incident

### Third teen arrested in bus shooting

A 17-year-old girl has turned herself in and is facing charges in a shooting on a Metro Transit bus last week, police say.

Three teens got into an argument on the No. 72 Portland Hills bus in the Pinecrest area at about 1 p.m. last Thursday. The driver pulled the bus over and one of the teens started shooting.

No one was hurt.

Halifax Regional Police Const. Pierre Bourdages said the teenage girl turned herself in to police on Tuesday morning and is in custody.

She is scheduled to appear in youth court to face charges of assault and causing a disturbance.

A 16-year-old boy was arrested hours after the shooting and has been charged with firearm offences as well as attempted murder.

An 18-year-old was arrested early on Friday and charged with assault, causing a disturbance and breaching court orders.

**METRO**



Christopher Falconer faces kidnapping and first-degree murder charges in the death of 19-year-old Amber Kirwan. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**



# Texting to break a record — and break down barriers

## Jump for joy.

City takes on Guinness record in support of mental-health issues

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A crowd of more than 1,000 people jumped to their feet, letting their Metro Centre seats snap back to meet the falling blue and white streamers as the announcement was made.

A Guinness World Record had just been broken.

The record for the most people to send a text message simultaneously happened during lunch hour on Tuesday in support of Canadian mental health.

Among the crowd at the Halifax Metro Centre were Sarah Thomas and her two-month-old daughter, Anna. Thomas, who is from Halifax, is no stranger to mental illness. She says she knows many struggling with depression and anxiety, and was glad to be a part of the event.

"To have any chance that we can to help out is really important because you never know when it could affect your child or your parent. It's been really close to our

## Quoted

"Mental health affects so many people and I really wanted to take part in this event to do what I could to help us beat that record."

Participant Sarah Thomas

hearts," said Thomas, looking down at her daughter.

The previous record of 677 texts sent was set by Pine View High School in Utah in May 2011.

The new record set Tuesday came to 1,072 texts sent and was rung in by cheers and clapping from the crowd of about 1,200 people.

The event was part of Bell Aliant's Let's Talk Day, a campaign to raise funds and awareness for mental health.

According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, one in five Canadians will develop a form of mental illness at some point in their lives. But only one in three people who experience mental illness report they have sought help and treatment.

Bell also promised to donate five cents for every text and long-distance call made by Bell customers.



More than 1,000 people sit ready with their cellphones at the Halifax Metro Centre on Tuesday to break the Guinness World Record for the most people sending a text message simultaneously. MARIKA MCKENZIE/FOR METRO

## Ferry needed, not handouts: Tories



Tory Leader Jamie Baillie  
METRO FILE

A \$350,000 forgivable loan for a struggling Yarmouth hotel is another example of how the NDP cherry-picks recipients of government handouts when it should be supporting entire industries, the opposition said Tuesday.

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie said the loan for the Rodd Grand Hotel and Convention Centre wouldn't be necessary if the government had a better tourism strategy in place for southwestern Nova Scotia.

He said more than 2,000 jobs have been lost in the region since the government stopped subsidizing a ferry

service between Yarmouth and Maine three years ago.

"It shows what is so wrong about the way the NDP go about job creation," Baillie said in an interview. "Support for the Yarmouth ferry was really support for the entire tourism and hotel industry. But by cancelling the ferry, now the NDP are picking winners and losers. And that's wrong."

The government said the loan will protect about 75 jobs and ensure the hotel is ready to host visitors for the World Junior A Hockey Challenge in November.

The 138-room hotel also

received \$1 million in government funding in December 2011 to upgrade the facility and protect 50 jobs. It is one of two Rodd used to operate.

The Rodd Colony Inn shut its doors in 2011 — one of a number of businesses to close shop in Yarmouth after the high-speed ferry service stopped running.

Tourism Minister Percy Paris dismissed the opposition's criticism, arguing the hotel loan is exactly the type of boost the region needs. "I make no apologies for investing in Nova Scotians," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Faculty strike. StFX president agrees to meet with union reps

The two sides in the faculty strike at St. Francis Xavier University have agreed to meet.

The university issued a statement saying president Sean Riley has agreed to meet with union representatives on Wednesday. Officials say it's in response to a request to resolve the current impasse between the university and its association of university teachers.

Union president Peter McInnis submitted a letter to Riley asking him to call his

## Students speak up

The move follows a call by the students union that the sides submit to open arbitration to help end the strike, which is into its third week.

negotiating team together.

The letter states the issues that divide the two sides could be resolved quickly at the table. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Apartment blaze

### 2 people treated for burns in fire

Two people required treatment for minor burns and smoke inhalation in a fire reported early today in Cape Breton. The Red Cross says the blaze in an apartment building in Sydney temporarily forced out nine tenants. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Consultations

### Public invited to consult on Oval

The Halifax Regional Municipality and DSRA Architecture are hosting a public consultation on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Atlantica Hotel to generate ideas for the use of a permanent building at the Emera Oval. **METRO**

## Warning

### Public warned of falling ice

Police in Cape Breton were cautioning citizens against the risk of falling ice from a CTV transmission tower in Sydney on Tuesday. A police spokesperson said one large piece of ice fell on a nearby apartment building. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Damage from the fallen ice.  
CAPE BRETON POST

## Environment

### Bill to protect Sable Island

Legislation to formally protect Sable Island as a national park has been tabled in the Senate. The bill is the final step in the designation of the island for protection under the Canada National Parks Act. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Apology

### Notice of correction

The story "Suspicious death probed" in Metro Halifax on Feb. 12 contained incorrect information. Tina Thompson's son was not hanging out with the victim on the day of his death. Metro Halifax apologizes for the error.

# Changing drug laws is up to you guys, police chief says

**Drug debate.** Marijuana decriminalization has to come from public demand: Chief Blais



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Halifax's police chief says he's exploring some new approaches to old problems, though he said changes to drug laws — and by extension, enforcement — will have to come from the public.

Following a presentation from Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) Canada on Tuesday, Jean-Michel Blais said the regional force is developing diversionary processes to avoid charges and jail time for some drug-related offences.

He said he's concerned about avoiding "overkill" while upholding existing laws. "I just wonder, in the (U.S.),

how many young men who are caught with a small quantity of cannabis, are put into prison? What happens to them afterwards?" he said. "You put them among hardened criminals ... they learn how to become a hardened criminal."

Blais said he saw the reason in finding what LEAP Canada president David Bratzer called a "sweet spot" of regulation between absolute prohibition and an open market for pot.

However, the chief noted that there's rarely a straightforward solution to any problem involving crime.

"It's not by making one tweak in legislation, it's not by changing the hours of a bar, it's not by forcing people to pay for their gas ahead of time that's going to stop crime," he said. "It's all of these little effects together, which hopefully will have a larger effect."

Blais said that although prohibition has never succeeded in eradicating a banned substance, legalizing those

substances hasn't worked out so well either.

"Of the drugs that kill the most people in Canada, I think probably alcohol may be the first one, if not tobacco, and the third one being medicinal drugs," he said.

The chief said drug laws will change when the public demands it, and suggested the time is coming.

"If you've been following the debates for the federal Liberal leadership party, there are several candidates ... who have openly talked about decriminalization and taxation," he said. "Can you imagine that even 10 years ago? That would have been a form of heresy."

#### More online

To read complete interviews with Chief Blais and LEAP Canada president David Bratzer, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)



A local pot smoker rolls up a marijuana cigarette. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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## Patrick Brazeau. Senator shows up for work in time to be put on forced leave

Senators have voted to force Sen. Patrick Brazeau, who is facing criminal charges, to take a leave of absence.

The Conservative motion passed Tuesday "to protect the dignity and reputation of the Senate and the public trust and confidence in Parliament."

Brazeau, 38, made a surprise appearance just prior to the vote, which also gave a Senate committee the power to cut off access to his expense account.

Brazeau, who is currently free on bail, has been charged with assault and sexual assault.

If convicted, he could either

**Anti-Senate**

**32%**

A Canadian Press/Harris Decima poll says 32 per cent of respondents feel the Senate should be abolished.

be suspended or expelled by the Senate or he could choose to resign.

Brazeau was charged on the very day a Senate committee declared it would call in auditors to review his housing expenses. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Sen. Patrick Brazeau leaves a vote in which he was forced to take a leave of absence by the Senate chamber. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Wanted ex-cop believed to have died in burning cabin

**California.** Deputy killed in latest shootout with man thought to be Christopher Dorner

The extraordinary manhunt for the former Los Angeles police officer suspected of three murders converged Tuesday on a mountain cabin where authorities believe he barricaded himself inside, engaged in a shootout that killed a deputy and then never emerged as the home went up in flames.

A single gunshot was heard from within, and a charred body was found inside.

TV helicopters showed the fire burning freely with no apparent effort to extinguish it. Smoke rose into the sky above the snow-covered woods near

**Wasn't yet identified**

**"We have reason to believe that it is him."**

Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Cynthia Bachman on the man inside the blazing cabin.



The cabin in Big Bear, Calif., where ex-Los Angeles police officer Christopher Dorner was believed to have barricaded himself, burns unopposed on Tuesday. KABC-TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big Bear Lake, a resort town about 128 kilometres east of Los Angeles.

If the man inside proves to be Christopher Dorner, the search for the most wanted man in America will have ended the way he expected — death, with police in pursuit.

Thousands of officers had been on the hunt for the former Navy reservist since police said he launched a campaign to exact revenge against the Los Angeles Police Department for his firing. They say he threatened to bring "warfare" to officers and their families, setting

off a search for him across the Southwest and Mexico.

After the man holed up in the cabin, there was a second gun battle with San Bernardino County deputies, two of whom were shot. One died, and the other was expected to live after surgery. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# KEYS TO E-DATING SUCCESS: HOW TO SHINE ONLINE

If you do decide to find romance on the net, keep these tips in mind to create a winning dating-site profile

**Relationship.** Establish the type of relationship you are looking for. Are you looking for a fling, casual dating or a potential long-term relationship? After you establish a clear goal, it will be easier to find an online dating service that suits your needs.

**Profile name.** Depending on the type of online-dating website you sign up for, your username should indicate you are serious about meeting people. Avoid names with numbers or "xx." Just your first name should suffice if you are wary about using your full name.

**Profile photo.** Pick a recent photo that shows your true self (not super drunk, not dressed for the clubs and no bikini shots). The most important part is to look confident and happy without trying too hard, and you will attract positive suitors.

**Personal facts.** Be honest in your profile, especially when it comes to age, body type, whether you smoke or drink and whether you have kids. You wouldn't want the people you meet online to lie about who they are, right?

**About me.** Your description should be brief, but make it stand out. Try not to sound too clichéd but do take this part of the profile to talk about who you are and why you're trying online dating. Are you too busy with work to go out to the clubs every weekend but are looking to meet someone worth your time?

**Interests.** Describe your idea of a perfect first date, as this will give an indication of what you like to do for fun. Describe something that sounds engaging and interactive, such as hanging out in a board-game café or playing a round of miniature golf.

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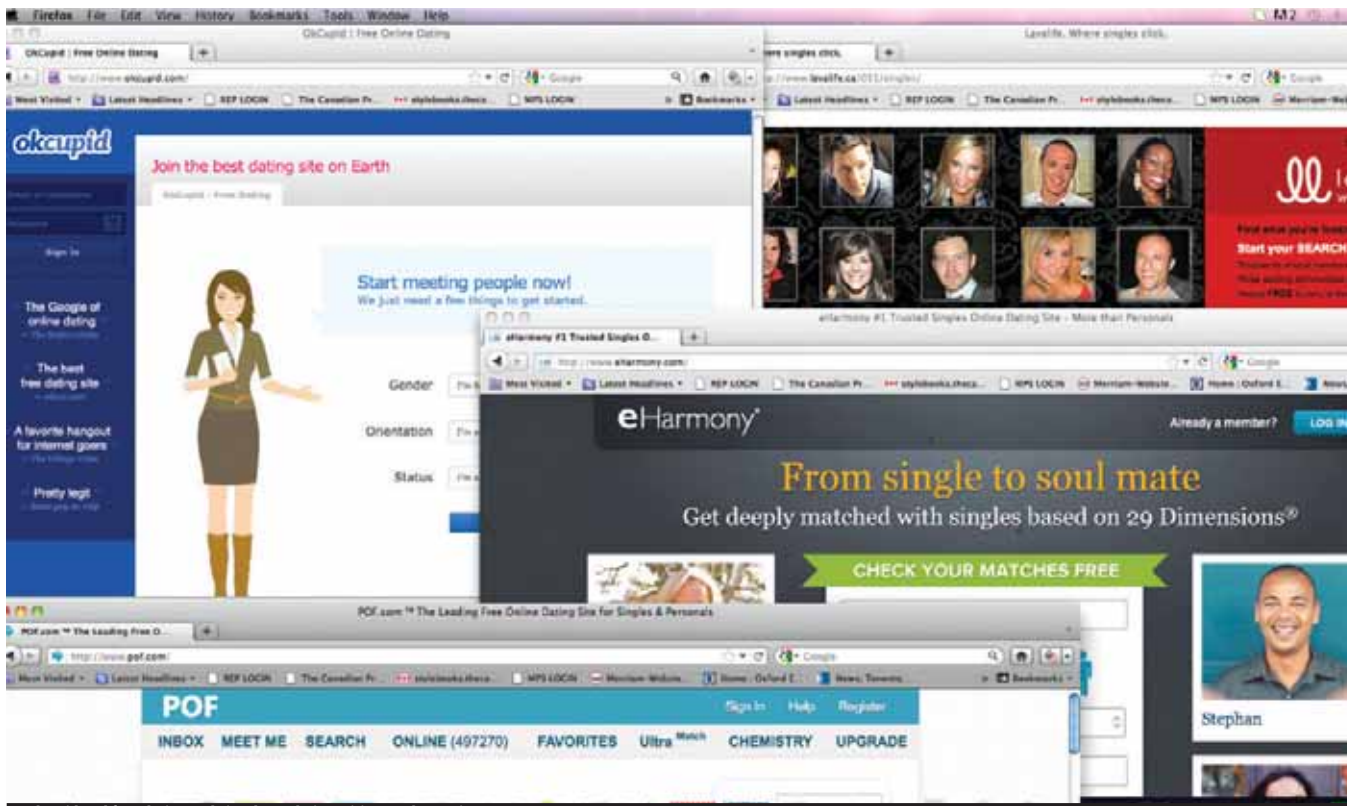
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Both paid and free dating websites have their positives and negatives, experts say. OKCUPID.COM, LAVALIFE.COM, PLENTYOFFISH.COM, EHARMONY.COM

# Should you pay to play the dating game?

**Where to go.** Paid and free sites tend to attract different types of clients with different sets of priorities, experts say

**RYAN TUMILTY**  
Metro in Edmonton

When preparing to jump into the online-dating universe, is it better to jump in with just your heart or with your wallet as well?

As dating sites have cropped up, some have opened their doors to members free of charge, while others have monthly subscriptions for those looking for love.

Kimberly Moffit, Match.com's relationship insider, argues that paid sites are there for more committed individuals who are interested



in serious relationships.

"It just distinguishes the people who are willing to put the investment in and those who aren't," said Moffit. "They are ready to make an investment in their love life."

Moffit argues that any online dating is a good thing, but people on paid sites are more likely to be taking their search seriously.

"They are more likely looking for some of the same things you are," she said.

## Quoted

**"(Paying for a site) just distinguishes the people who are willing to put the investment in and those who aren't."** Kimberly Moffit, Match.com's relationship insider

Christine Hart, a Toronto-based dating coach, said both types of sites have advantages, but free sites tend to attract a different type of prospective dater.

"If they are going to go on the free sites, then they need to be prepared to put in a lot more time sifting through, because the free sites attract people with all levels of goals," she said.

Part of the benefit of paid dating sites is that they attract fewer people, she added.

"You can spend twice as much time sifting through profiles on the free dating sites," she said.

Julie Spira, author of the book *The Perils of Cyber-Dat-*

ing, said she and her clients see benefits to both types of sites.

"It is very common for someone to pick a paid site, and then they will also pick a free site."

She said free sites attract huge numbers of people, which can be appealing simply for the sheer quantity of prospective partners.

"Because they are free ... they have huge critical mass," she said.

Spira said clients who pay for a dating site tend to pay more attention to the service.

"I find that a lot of them log into their paid sites more often because they are invested," she said.

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Is traditional dating dead?

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The rise of the e-dating jungle

**TODAY**  
E-dating success: How to shine online

## Stay safe. Don't let your heart get you in trouble online: Cops

While the online-dating world is full of opportunities, it can also be full of perils.

Police have noticed that the excitement that comes with online romance can attract the wrong type of people — those who may cause physical or financial harm.

Acting Sgt. Kathy Macdonald with the Calgary Police Service said new relationships sometimes prevent people from seeing the bigger picture.

"When people get wrapped up in a relationship, they can't see what's going on," she said.

Macdonald said fraud artists using dating sites can go after many potential victims in just one day.

"They will often get a hold of a lot of people at the same time," she said.

According to Macdonald, scam artists often approach someone and strike up a conversation before claiming to have run into sudden and unexplained financial difficulties.

She said if they receive money from their victims, new problems will emerge, and there will be more requests for help.

Macdonald said there could also be physical dangers and she cautions people to take things slowly in the early days of a new relationship.

"Listen to your intuition and be aware of your surroundings," she advised.

Macdonald said making the first date a group meeting is a good idea, but it's essential that it be in a public place and that you tell people where you're going.

"Really, you don't know that person; you don't know who is going to show up."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON

## E-Bytes: Five free iPhone apps for tech-savvy couples

- **Couple App.** Couple is like Facebook, but it can only be shared by two people. You can send messages, chat via Facetime, share photos and video, create moments via doodles and track important dates and tasks. There's also a



"Thinking of you" button when that's all you want to say.

- **Avocado App.** Like Couple, Avocado is shared with only one special person. You can send private messages, track milestones together and share them on Twitter as a pair and even send



virtual hugs and kisses so you're never too far away from your sweetheart.

- **Tokii App.** Tokii helps you get in touch with your partner's feelings. You can send each other notes starting with "I feel" or "You're making me feel." The app aims to



keep couples engaged and aware of one another's moods by providing interactive games and relationship advice, which can take your relationship to the next level.

- **Wunderlist 2.** Although not exclusively for couples, nothing is more annoying than your partner forgetting to pick up the dry-cleaning or something at the grocery store. Wunderlist 2 helps couples

plan, share and keep track of tasks and even plan vacations together. It's able to sync the lists across all the devices you are using.

- **Between App.** Between is a private-messaging space that lets you and your partner create a chrono-



logical timeline tracking the special moments in your relationship. You can bookmark your favourite memories, such as photos and messages, and store them in a Memory Box, as well as find date-night deals via the Event Box.



## State of the Union. U.S. economy at the top of Obama's agenda

U.S. President Barack Obama implored lawmakers and the American public alike to get behind his vision for the nation's future on Tuesday in his fourth State of the Union address, emphasizing the progress his administration has made on the economy but urging the country to stay the course.

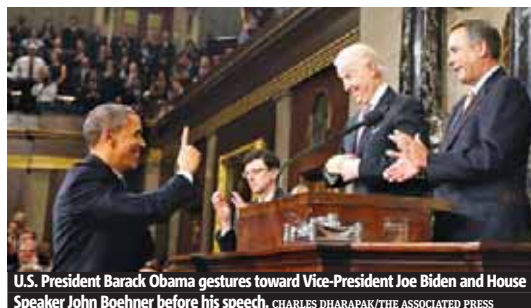
"Together, we have cleared away the rubble of crisis, and can say with renewed confidence that the state of our union is stronger," he told a joint session of Congress replete with the pomp and circumstance that is characteristic of the annual State of the

Union. But he acknowledged that millions of Americans still cannot find work, adding that wages and incomes have "barely budged" despite soaring corporate profits.

"It is our generation's task, then, to reignite the true engine of America's economic growth—a rising, thriving middle class."

Obama's speech focused primarily on the economy and his ongoing efforts to ensure the country's economic recovery isn't a fleeting one. But he also announced he's withdrawing more than half of the remaining American troops in Afghanistan over the next year.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



U.S. President Barack Obama gestures toward Vice-President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner before his speech. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Obama: 'Nuclear tests do not make North Korea more secure'



A South Korean protester shouts slogans during an anti-North Korea rally following the report of a nuclear test conducted by North Korea, in Seoul on Tuesday. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Unbridled threat.

International community decries atomic testing that could lead to the development of a missile-bomb powerful enough to hit the U.S.

Defying UN warnings, North Korea conducted its third nuclear test in the remote, snowy northeast on Tuesday, taking a crucial step toward its goal of building a bomb small enough to be fitted on a missile capable of striking the United States.

North Korea said the atomic test was merely its "first response" to what it called U.S.

### Quoted

"(North Korea has) increasingly isolated and impoverished its people through its ill-advised pursuit of weapons of mass destruction."

Barack Obama

threats, and said it will continue with unspecified "second and third measures of greater intensity" if Washington maintains its hostility.

The underground test, which set off powerful seismic waves, drew immediate condemnation from Washington, the UN and others. Even its only major ally, China, summoned the North's ambassador for a dressing-down.

President Barack Obama, who gave a State of the Union address later Tuesday, said nuclear tests "do not make North Korea more secure." Instead, North Korea has "increasingly isolated and impoverished its people through its ill-advised pursuit of weapons of mass destruction," he said in a statement.

But the Obama administration's options for a response are limited, and a U.S. military strike is highly unlikely.

In an emergency session, the UN Security Council unanimously said the test poses "a clear threat to international peace and security" and pledged further action.

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# Multinationals not paying their fair share: OECD

**Fat cat tax.** Global forum report claims lenient taxes create competitive disadvantage

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development says large multinationals are using legal loopholes to avoid paying their fair share of taxes and that global solutions are needed to combat the problem.

The OECD report says many rules designed to protect multinational corporations from being double-taxed go too far and sometimes allow them to pay no taxes at all.

It says such rules do not properly reflect today's economic integration across borders, the value of intellectual property or new communications technologies.

The G20 countries commis-

sioned the OECD study, which was released Tuesday ahead of a weekend meeting of finance ministers and central bankers from 20 of the world's leading economies.

The OECD says the gaps that enable multinationals to eliminate or reduce their taxation give them an unfair competitive advantage over smaller businesses.

That hurts investment, growth and employment and can leave average citizens footing a larger chunk of the tax bill, the OECD says.

"These strategies, though technically legal, erode the tax base of many countries and threaten the stability of the international tax system," OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría said Tuesday in releasing the study.

"As governments and their citizens are struggling to make ends meet, it is critical that all

taxpayers — private and corporate — pay their fair amount of taxes and trust the international tax system is transparent." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Market Minute

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**Natural gas:** \$3.23 (-6¢)  
**Dow Jones:** 14,018.70 (+47.46)



## Can't go to the show? Pass it on

Ticketmaster will now allow fans to transfer tickets to friends or family digitally at no extra charge. Ticket buyers must sign into their accounts at Ticketmaster.com and email the tickets to recipients, the company said Tuesday. The technology will be incorporated into its mobile app this spring ahead of the summer concert season. **PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

## Economic forecast

### Regional salary divide deepening

A new economic forecast says salaries in Saskatchewan and Alberta are going up faster than expected while Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia are lagging.

The Conference Board of Canada's latest forecast says Canadian non-union salaries

are projected to rise three per cent nationally — in line with its summer estimates — but notes regional differences have become more pronounced.

Salary growth in Ontario and British Columbia is projected to be 2.5 per cent and Quebec's growth is only slightly higher at 2.7 per cent — all lower than forecast in the summer.

By contrast, Alberta's

increases are now expected to come in at 3.9 per cent, which is one-tenth of a point better than expected, while the estimate for Saskatchewan has been raised by three-tenths of a point to four per cent.

The Atlantic provinces are expected to see a three per cent increase in non-union salaries this year, and Manitoba salaries are still expected to rise 3.3 per cent over the coming year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# WILL BENEDICT GET TO KEEP HIS POPEMOBILE?



**JUST SAYIN'**  
Paul Sullivan  
metronews.ca

The Pope can't retire, can he? I was under the impression that he had to stick it out to the bitter end, like poor old John Paul II, who endured two assassination attempts, Parkinson's, a number of cancer scares and a tracheotomy, finally expiring close to his 85th birthday after 25 years on the Papal Throne.

But Benedict the XVI isn't waiting for heaven to call, announcing — in Latin, no less (which adds the kind of gravity only a dead language can deliver) — that he's gone at the end of the month.

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## Big shoes to fill

Seeing as a pope hasn't resigned since 1415, no one is quite sure what to think or do. I mean, who wants to be the pope when there already is one, albeit retired, looking over your shoulder?

Along with how can you go from being infallible to inactive, Benedict's announcement prompts numerous questions.

For instance, will they set up a retirement wing at Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer retreat, complete

with a putting green where the retired pontiff can play a little golfo?

Does he have to give back the Shoes of the Fisherman? Or does the new pope get to shop for new shoes?

How about the Keys to the Kingdom? Does he have to hand them in to the Swiss Guards at the end of his shift on Feb. 28?

Ex-presidents get to keep their secret security details; does a retired prelate get to keep the Popemobile so he can tool around Rome in relative comfort and security?

What do we call a former pope? Your Former Holiness? Is he still holy, or is there only enough holiness for one pope at a time?

Benedict is more than a little conservative — and more than a little cranky. So the College of Cardinals is going to have to take that into account when anointing the next pope. How can they pick a big (literally) liberal like John XXIII when Benedict is still around, quick to observe that they'd never get away with that when HE was Il Papa?

Still, Benedict's timing is almost infallible. The papacy is in real need of a refresh. Along with the usual threats from sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, Roman Catholicism has been rocked by a series of unholy scandals, some of them involving the Vatican (the, er, butler did it). A new, progressive pope could go a long way in recapturing the spiritual high ground.

Let's hope that, whoever he is, he's ready to shop for a new pair of shoes.



The Vatican said Tuesday the papal ring will be destroyed, along with other powerful emblems of authority, just as they are after a pope's death. A spokesman said that Benedict will not influence the election of his successor. FRANCO ORIGLIA/GETTY IMAGES

# Unlikely bedfellows bunk up



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## Venkman's prophecy

### Dogs and cats! Living together!

It may sound like a doomed love story, but some dogs love big cats.

Cheetahs are the fastest mammals in the world, but they also are the world's biggest scaredy-cats — so much so that they don't breed easily and are in danger of extinction.

Some zoos are introducing "companion dogs" to serve as playmates and to provide the cats with an example.

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## Dinner time

### "In this relationship, the dog is dominant, but we look for dogs that want to be a buddy.... Dogs worry about their cats. They protect their cats."

Janet Rose-Hinostroza, animal training supervisor at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park  
Rose-Hinostroza said that because the dogs are the dominant animal in the relationship, mealtimes are always spent apart. The dogs eat kibble, and the cheetahs eat steak. "If they ate together there would be one really fat dog and a really skinny cheetah," she said.

## Endangered species

### Population drops over 100 years

A century ago there were 100,000 cheetahs in the wild, said Jack Grisham, vice-president of animal collections at the St. Louis Zoo. Today there are fewer than 12,000. The species has become extinct in at least 13 countries. There are about 280 captive cheetahs in zoos across the U.S.

As efforts to save the species continue, Grisham worries there is no wild to send them home to because habitat is being swallowed up by developers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Quick like a cheetah

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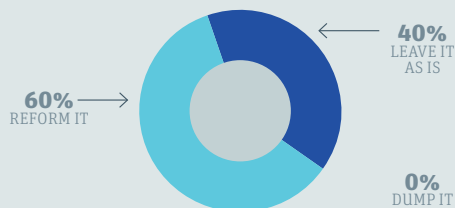
A cheetah's claws don't retract, so they have footing that takes them from zero to 96 kilometres per hour in 3.4 seconds.

Cheetahs use their tails like a rotor to balance while they are running. Their top speed is 100 kilometres an hour based on size, but they can run that fast only for 20 or 30 seconds. Extending that to a minute or more can be lethal.



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## What should Canada do with the Senate?



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### @kampenr:

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### @sarah\_hayward12:

Yesterday I walked through 10

foot snowbanks to get to school, today I'm walking through 10 foot puddles #halifax

### @SeamusORegan:

YOU DID IT, HALIFAX. 1072 tweet-ed 'Let's talk mental health' at the same time & got into @GWRnews! @Bell\_LetsTalk

### @THNRyanKennedy:

Geez, Jonathan Drouin is averaging two points a game right now for Halifax. #2013draft



Beautiful franchise?

## Finding the next cash cow



IN  
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Film studio executives are always on the lookout for properties that can be spun into profitable movie franchises.

And for good reason. Following an interesting set of characters over the course of multiple movies can be a cash cow. The James Bond movies have earned more than \$6 billion, while Harry, Ron and Hermione have raked in almost \$8 billion since their series debut in 2001.

This weekend producers are hoping to kick off the Beautiful Creatures franchise. The supernatural romance has Twilightish overtones, a cast that mixes new stars like Emmy Rossum with established faces like Viola Davis and Emma Thompson, and the kind of good versus evil tale that propelled Harry Potter to the upper echelons of the box office.

But not all movies catch on with audiences in the way that the super spy and wizard have.

I Am Number Four, starring Alex Pettyfer and Glee's Dianna Agron, fizzled. Rotten Tomatoes said, "familiar plot and unconvincing performances add up to one noisy, derivative and ultimately forgettable sci-fi thriller."

With sales of more than 60 million copies, the book series Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events seemed to have natural franchise possibilities. With 13 books in the collection there's source material galore, but even though the Jim Carrey movie did well no sequels emerged.



Emmy Rossum stars in Beautiful Creatures. CONTRIBUTED

# Good girl gone bad

**Emmy Rossum.**  
Actress ditches 'nice girl' roles to play deadly siren in Beautiful Creatures



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Actress and singer Emmy Rossum is tired of playing the good girl, which is why she jumped at the chance to take on the role of deadly siren Ridley in the screen adaptation of the best-selling young adult novel Beautiful Creatures. Being bad, she insists, is just more fun.

**The film's leads, Alden Ehrenreich and Alice Englert, said they initially passed on the film and had to be convinced to do it. How about you?**  
No, I was totally selfishly wanting to be in the movie because

this is such a fun character. I read (the script) and then I read the first book and auditioned, got the part and was overjoyed. I love the character, she's so ballsy and fun and a different kind of villain than we're used to seeing.

**With this and Shameless, you're playing some really interesting, juicy characters, different from the types of roles you started with.**

Nice girl roles, mhm. Playing the nice girl in Day After Tomorrow, Poseidon, Phantom of the Opera, those kinds of characters were coming more easily to me in terms of just getting the parts. I think that these characters for me were just more thrilling because I like to try to find the humanity and emotional understanding of characters that don't always do the right thing. I think that grey area is more fun to explore, it's more close to real life. What I like to do in

characters is play against what you think that stereotype of that person would be.

You think about this girl (in Beautiful Creatures) who's a villain, who's happy to watch men get run over by trains walking toward her, you think of somebody who's quite malicious. But if you play it with a sense of fun and happiness, all of a sudden it becomes, "Oh, that's an interesting choice."

**Congratulations on the season four renewal for Shameless.**

Thank you. I'm excited to see where the character could go. The rest of this season has me working in different jobs until I seem to kind of find a steadier job as a telemarketer for a company called Universal Cup that makes disposable beverage cups. And I have a very cute, interesting boss, which can prove to be a problem.

**You have a new album out,**

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**Sentimental Journey, with songs from the mid-20th century.**

It's an ongoing struggle and negotiation with my own brain, trying to figure out what project gets what amount of time. But I really wanted to make this record, which is why I did it with my own money and then partnered with Warners to release it. ... This is all the music that I grew up with, so there were obvious ones that I wanted to put on, like Frank Sinatra's Summer Wind and Apple Blossom Time.

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Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

## The four-year-old that makes more than you

Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, the four-year-old daughter of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, is already earning some impressive cash.

The toddler was reportedly paid \$3,000 a week for a small role in her mom's upcoming film, *Maleficent*, according to contracts

obtained by TMZ. The tot — whose twin brother, Knox, doesn't appear in the film — also received a per diem \$60 for expenses each day she was on set. Older siblings Pax, 9, and Zahara, 8, also filmed cameos in the film, though it's unknown how much they earned.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word

## Meet Eau de Pizza Hut

Let's cut to the chase on this item: Pizza Hut has launched a promotional perfume called Eau de Pizza Hut.

The chain is giving away 24 bottles of the stuff. To get your own, send tweets to @PizzaHut with the hashtag "LastMinuteLovers." Each package also includes a \$20 Pizza Hut gift card for Big Pizza Sliders or Lovers Pizza.

"The cologne has a slightly sweet base scent of freshly rising dough, but finishes decidedly savoury with hints of Italian spice like oregano, vine-ripened tomato sauce, the crispness of fresh-sliced vegetables and all wrapped by wafts of cheesy goodness," Ashlee Firsten of Aromachology, a custom perfumery in New



York said in a press release. "It's really a quite complex combination of aromas that results in the

hunger-inducing smell of a fresh Pizza Hut pizza."

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There may have been a time when Puerto Rico was a cheap getaway but those days are long gone. Puerto Rico is heavily dependent on imported goods and fuel and that's reflected in prices from a taxi ride from the airport to the mojito at your hotel. But there are, of course, some cheap options. There are also things to do that don't cost anything at all. Here are five of them.

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## Beaches

There are plenty of beaches here — about 300 according to some estimates. In the capital, Isla Verde Beach is good for swimming and lolling on soft sand, groomed daily. Playita del Condado is a protected cove that is ideal for young kids and a surprisingly good place to snorkel for being in the middle of San Juan. Things get much better outside the capital. Crash Boat, about an hour west of San Juan, is great for swimming and snorkelling. Farther west in the west coast town of Rincon is Maria's, which has great surf.

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## Free things to do in Puerto Rico

## El Yunque

About a half-hour drive from San Juan, thanks to a relatively new toll road, is an actual tropical rainforest, the only one that is part of the U.S. forest system. El Yunque National Forest is a cool oasis on a hot day. The well-maintained trails are often shrouded in misty clouds and you can cool off in a waterfall or a river pool along the relatively easy Big Tree Trail.



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## El Morro

There's an entrance fee to enter the Castillo San Felipe del Morro, but the best way to enjoy this U.S. National Historic Site requires no money at all. The fort that towers over San Juan Bay, known universally as just "El Morro," is a great place to stroll, especially at sunset. The massive rolling expanse of grass at the foot of the fort has spectacular views in any direction. It's a popular place to picnic and fly a kite, sold by nearby street vendors.



## Old San Juan

At the foot of El Morro is the old city, the colonial heart of San Juan. In recent years, Old San Juan has been on an upswing. Its cobblestone streets are cleaner and livelier. New stores, restaurants and coffee shops have opened and many of the old homes have been restored. It's a working city, home to the governor's office and mansion — said to be the oldest in the western hemisphere — as well as other government offices and an increasing number of professional firms. It's also become an increasingly busy cruise ship port. Outlet and luxury goods shops have proliferated in response.

## Music and Salsa

A good place to catch free live music several nights a week is the Plaza Mercado, a fruit and vegetable market in Santurce, a neighbourhood that is also home to what are considered some of the best restaurants in Puerto Rico. The lobby of the El San Juan in Isla Verde usually has live music and dancing on weekends. The bar of course isn't free but there's no charge to get in. The dancers can be intimidatingly good so the less-skilled may be content just to watch the scene. A number of restaurants and hotels also regularly advertise free salsa lessons.



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### Travel tips

## Winter dreaming? Go west...



ON THE MOVE  
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British Columbia is heaven

for winter sports enthusiasts. Here are a few ski destinations worth experiencing.

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort is situated in Golden along B.C.'s Powder Highway, a route linking together eight mountain resorts. With its four Alpine Bowls and the fourth highest vertical drop in Canada, Kicking Horse has a reputa-

tion as the place for "hard core skiers."

With no village and a handful of slope side services, this resort is indeed for people whose primary interest is hitting the slopes. However, the mountain boasts runs suited to all levels.

From your bar stool in the Eagle's Eye Restaurant at the summit, enjoy an

incredible view of five of the National Parks surrounding the resort.

Cat skiing at the Island Lake Mountain Resort outside of Fernie is the epitome of backcountry luxury. Your day starts with avalanche survival training and then you are off with a packed lunch as you search for untouched alpine bowls and gorgeous glades via a

Caterpillar.

A one-hour drive from Kelowna International Airport, Silver Star Mountain Resort is designed for Alpine and Nordic skiers, snow-shoers and snowmobilers to share. The My1Pass includes lift tickets and unlimited access to all Nordic trails, snowshoe trails, the Tube Town Adventure Park and ice skating at Brewer's Pond.

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# Falling in love with Marrakech

## City of romance?

Moroccan destination's beauty and old-world charm make it the perfect place for a lover's escape

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Immerse yourself in the Moroccan way of life in Marrakech. SCOTT PRESLEY/Flickr

as you return from shopping in the souks or markets. Slowly the mix of sounds you brought back from the Jemaa-El-Fna Plaza will dissolve in the faint murmur of the patio fountain. Any fatigue from your exploration of historic Marrakech will melt away

while you unwind in your private hammam, or Turkish bath. Flam, the Riad's female owner, will perform the traditional hammam treatment that will leave you relaxed, rejuvenated and ready to taste local delicacies.

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ing on the terrace under a sky bright with stars or in the oriental-style living room. Local cuisine includes lamb tajines, vegetarian couscous, Moroccan salads, cinnamon and spices, dates and oranges.

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# It's the perfect time for date night



This recipe makes about 12 crackers. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

Perfect with a glass of wine and a wedge of your favourite cheese, these crackers containing Medjool dates are a great savoury treat with a hint of sweetness.

Medjool dates, which have been called the "king of dates," are semi-soft and exceptionally large. They're carried year-round by major and mid-sized grocery chains across Canada.

1. Heat oven to 160 C (325 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a food processor, pulse pistachios until finely chopped. Add 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the flour and dates. Pulse until mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Add olives and pulse until mixed. Add remaining flour, orange zest, salt, baking powder and pep-

per. Pulse until well mixed.

3. In a small bowl, whisk egg and set aside 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the beaten egg for glazing. Add remaining egg and olive oil to food processor. Pulse until mixture comes together.

4. Turn dough out onto lightly floured board and knead gently. Flatten into a disc and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm, 1 hour.

5. Using lightly floured rolling pin, roll dough 5 mm (1/4 inch) thick. Cut into 6-cm (2 1/2-inch) rounds. Place on a prepared baking sheet. Brush tops with remaining beaten egg. Bake in centre of oven until golden brown, 22 mins.

6. Let cool on a rack. Store in an airtight container up to 3 days.

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## Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pistachios, shelled
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Medjool dates, pitted and chopped (5 to 6 dates)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kalamata olives, pitted and chopped
- 5 ml (1 tsp) orange zest
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) baking powder
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) black pepper
- 1 egg
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

## Student voice

### On facing a fork in the internship road

Courtney Hardwick  
Graduate  
Bachelor of arts in English Language and Literature  
University of Windsor

TalentEgg.ca

I always knew a BA in English wasn't going to make it easy to get a job, but I thought having a university degree would at least count for something. Turns out, not so much. I ended up going back to school and just recently finished a post-grad publishing program at Ryerson.

Even though I have focused in on the industry I want to work in, it has still been next to impossible to find a job. I have done two internships at publishing companies and although they were both amazing experiences, they don't seem to count for much either. I had one interview for an internship where they told me straight up that my time there would not lead to a job, so I shouldn't have any kind of expectations regarding that.

Now, I understand they are only telling me to be realistic, but it is still discouraging

## Which to choose?

"I am at a roadblock. Do I continue to do internships and hope eventually one will pay off? Or do I look for work elsewhere, just so I can make some money"

Courtney Hardwick

to hear that at an interview and it is depressing to think that all I will ever be able to find are an endless string of internships that pay next to nothing.

I am at a roadblock. Do I continue to do internships and hope eventually one will pay off? Or do I look for work elsewhere, just so I can make some money and actually start paying back that student loan that's lurking just past another six-month repayment assistance term?

## What I'm doing now

I received a post-graduate certificate and it helped me get internships, but that's still not enough. I have done some volunteering as well. To pay the rent, I work in retail and I

can't wait until the day I can quit and never look back.

## My recommendations for employers, career centres and schools

Maybe the whole university model just needs an overhaul. What is the point in all the book learning if we never get any of the experience we need to actually get a job? Sure, I can write a comparative essay on The Great Gatsby and some obscure short story in one of my literature anthologies, but who cares?

I think every BA program should have a co-op or work study component, no matter what the focus is.

If I could go back, I would probably go to college instead, because the practical experience is so much more valuable than the book smarts.

## My advice for other students and recent graduates

Anything you can do to get practical experience while you don't have to worry about rent/paying back student loans/bills, do it!

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# Drouin pots three as Moose blast Rocket

**Stepping up.** Even without MacKinnon, Weegar, Halifax puts on home-ice clinic



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Without his first-line sidekick, Jonathan Drouin picked up the slack.

The Mooseheads' leading scorer recorded a hat trick, leading the Halifax team to a dominating 7-0 win over the P.E.I. Rocket in front of a Metro Centre crowd of 6,295 on Tuesday night.

Drouin also extended his point streak to 17 games, while his injured line-mate and Halifax's second-leading scorer Nathan MacKinnon looked on from the press box.

"We all knew that we had to pick up our game," Drouin said. "You can't replace Nathan but we can contribute a little more, and that's what we did. It was a really big win for us."

After both squads got off to a sluggish start, Drouin opened the scoring on a beautiful solo effort on the penalty kill with just under four minutes left in the first period.

The tally seemed to spark the Mooseheads, who came out strong on both sides of the ice in the second frame.

## Hot streak

# 35

The point total for Jonathan Drouin during his 17-game point streak. It includes 17 goals.



Halifax Mooseheads forward Jonathan Drouin fires a short-handed goal past Prince Edward Island Rocket netminder Antoine Bibeau during first-period action at the Halifax Metro Centre on Tuesday night. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Drouin picked up his second goal of the night just over four minutes into the period and Mooseheads defenceman Konrad Abelts-hauser tallied just over three minutes later.

From there the Mooseheads didn't look back as they scored four more times in the third to make it a blowout.

"We knew we all had to play our best tonight and that's what we did," Drouin

said.

Mooseheads forward Stephen MacAulay filled in nicely for MacKinnon on the first line, picking up a goal and an assist.

"It was a great opportunity for me and I know it won't last forever," said the 20-year-old Cole Harbour centre.

"But I'm not trying to change my game. I'm happy with the win; it was a complete game."

Luca Ciampini picked up a goal and two assists while Darcy Ashley also found the back of the net.

Zach Fucale registered his second shutout of the season and was sharp when he needed to be, stopping 30 shots.

With the victory the Mooseheads improve to 43-6-2-1 while the Rocket drop to 30-21-2-0.

The Mooseheads return to action Friday when they

## Day-to-day

The Mooseheads were without one of their top defencemen against P.E.I. as MacKenzie Weegar is day-to-day with an upper-body injury suffered in Friday's loss to the Moncton Wildcats.

host the Shawinigan Cataractes at 7 p.m.

## MackKinnon admits it's time for a rest

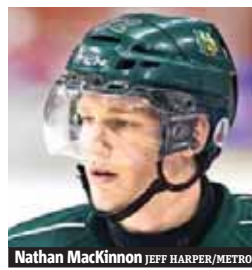
As much as Halifax Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon wanted to be in the lineup for Tuesday's home game against the P.E.I. Rocket, he also admitted it was time for a little rest.

"I've played a lot of hockey in the last six months," said MacKinnon, who is out for up to two weeks with a minor MCL injury in his knee. "Of course I want to be

playing but I also need to be fresh for the playoffs and I really can't get hurt."

The 17-year-old is coming off a gruelling schedule since December, including with the Canadian world junior team.

"Probably the hardest part is sitting with the boys in the dressing room before the game. It's tough," MacKinnon said. **ANDREW RANKIN/METRO**



Nathan MacKinnon JEFF HARPER/METRO

## AUS basketball. Axewomen spoil Huskies' bid for perfect season

The Acadia Axewomen spoiled the Saint Mary's Huskies' bid for a perfect season with a 91-84 victory at home in Atlantic University Sport women's basketball action Tuesday night.

Acadia guard Lindsay Harris led the way with a 35-point effort while Justine Colley responded with 31 points for the Huskies, who fell to 16-1 on the season.

Meanwhile, Lia St. Pierre poured in 29 points to lead the

St. Francis Xavier X-Women to a 83-73 win over the Dalhousie Tigers at the Dalplex. Keisha Brown led the Tigers with 28 points.

In men's action, Jumol Mullings collected 19 points and William Yengue added 18 to lead the Tigers to an 88-83 victory over the X-Men.

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# Wrestlers face Olympic fight

**Chopping block.** Sport has been part of Games since 700 BC and Canada's good at it



JESSICA SMITH  
Metro in Toronto

The international wrestling community is gearing up for a fight keep the sport in the Olympics — launching a lobbying campaign no one knew was needed until Tuesday's surprise decision by the International Olympic Committee executive board.

"We didn't even know we were on the chopping block," said Wrestling Canada president Don Ryan.

Canada performs well in wrestling, especially since women's wrestling became an Olympic sport in 2004. Daniel Igal won gold in 2000, as did Carol Huynh in 2008, who also won bronze in 2012. Tonya Verbeek won silver in 2004 and 2012 and bronze in 2008.

The IOC executive board announced it is recommending freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling be dropped from the Olympic program, a decision that is set to be ratified by the IOC in May.

"There was nothing that indicated that we were in trouble," Ryan said. "But we're wrestling. We're combative people. We're going to pull our sleeves up and get to work on saving our sport for 2020."

If the decision is ratified, wrestling will join seven other sports — baseball/softball, karate, roller sports, sport climbing, squash, wakeboarding and wushu — to lobby for inclusion in the 2020 games.

Beijing gold-medallist Huynh expressed her shock



Tonya Verbeek, from Grimsby, Ont., lifts India's Geeta Geeta in their 55-kg freestyle wrestling match at the 2012 Summer Olympics in August. Verbeek won silver at the Games. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Wrestling's history

- **708 BC** Wrestling was the decisive and last discipline held in the Pentathlon.
- **1896** The Greco-Roman event (no weight classes) was the only wrestling event at the inaugural modern Olympics in Athens.
- **2004** Women were finally

allowed to compete in freestyle wrestling (four weight classes) at the Olympics.

- **2008 B.C.** native Carol Huynh made history with Canada's first gold medal in women's wrestling at the Beijing Olympics.

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over Twitter.

"Can't believe IOC is cutting wrestling! Huge blow to our sport all over the world. Hope that CAWA (the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association) & FILA will lobby for reversal or we fight with other sports to

get back."

The sport's governing body, the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA), was already scheduled to hold its biannual meeting in Phuket, Thailand, this weekend. It will now focus on the

Olympic problem, Ryan said.

After the 2000 Olympics, FILA changed some rules in an effort to make the sport more exciting. Rounds were shortened and scoring was simplified. At the upcoming meeting, FILA was to discuss encouraging "more high-action moves" and making scoring easier to understand, said Ryan. "We're always trying to improve."

Modern pentathlon and taekwondo were seen as more likely to be cut from the Olympics than wrestling. Asked about the lobbying efforts, sponsorships, power and money involved in those sports, Ryan said he hopes the IOC's decisions aren't made on that basis. **WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## MLB. Great expectations not fazing Jays slugger

"The sky's the limit."

Jose Bautista isn't given to mixing words or their meanings, at least not when it comes to assessing the Toronto Blue Jays and the chances for a play-off berth for the vastly retooled roster.

So when the two-time major-league home run king lends phrases like "the sky's the limit," there's a definite weight to them, even though optimism is high in virtually every major-league city at this time of year.

"I know I've been on other teams and one that didn't have a chance (to be in the playoffs), but this is different, this is the best team I've been on in my career ... I don't see where it can go wrong for us," Bautista said Tuesday when pitchers and catchers were undergoing physicals in advance of Wednesday's first official reporting date for spring training.

Bautista's enthusiasm was buoyed by the Jays' massive, off-season retooling that brought on proven major leaguers like pitchers R.A. Dickey, Josh Johnson, and Mark Buehrle, as well as infielder Jose Reyes and outfield Melky Cabrera.

"If we do what we are all capable of then it should come together for us, it will take care of itself," Bautista said.

## Comeback trail

Bautista was limited to 92 games in 2012 because of a wrist injury that ultimately led to off-season surgery.

- "I've gone through the rehab and I can tell you it was tedious but I worked my butt off in the gym and now I'm ready to get back on the field," he said.

"We should be able to go to the playoffs and hopefully the World Series."

Bautista stood two years ago in the same place at the Flora Auto Exchange Stadium in Dunedin, having just signed a five-year contract extension. That new deal signalled the beginning of a change in responsibility for Bautista, who became the Jays focal player back then, and is living up to that role now.

"I was counting on Alex (GM Anthopoulos) building a contender that could compete in a sustainable way for years to come. And he (Anthopoulos) came through on his words," Bautista said.

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Toronto Blue Jay Jose Bautista looks on during batting practice in Dunedin, Fla., on Tuesday. Though there is added pressure on the team this year, Bautista is handling it with utter confidence. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Findings on the new Forester



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## Fuel economy

The 2.5 is estimated at 9.5 l/100 km in the city and 7.4 on the highway with the CVT, while the 2.0XT's estimate is 10.2/8.4. These values improve on the previous-generation's base and optional power trains.

## 2014 Subaru Forester

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engine (hp).** 2.4-litre DOHC H4 (170); 2.0-litre DOHC H4, turbocharged (250)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable with opt. paddle shifters
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$28,550



The base engine is thrifty and has enough power for most situations. The turbo option is our choice.

## Design

The bolder, brawnier styling displays more curves and angles than before. The blacked-out lower body cladding featured on all models ties in nicely with the more expressive mesh-style grille, flat-black bumper and attractively shaped side air intakes featured on up-level turbo models.

## Transmission

The 2.5i offers a six-speed manual transmission, or a continuously variable (CVT) option. The 2.0XT only comes with the CVT, but it comes with what Subaru calls its "engine performance management system" with Intelligent, Sport and Sport Sharp settings.

**Review.** Subaru's wonder wagon adds refinement plus a more satisfying right-foot workout.

MALCOLM GUNN  
wheelbasemedia.com

You would think that after 15 years and three generations of Forester that Subaru would have concocted the ideal formula for its tallest tall wagon.

Actually this car-based conveyance has contained mostly all the right ingredients ever since its 1998-model-year launch and the fourth generation model arriving this spring is dishing up more of the same.

Through clockwork-regular updating, the Forester has evolved into a steady performer that treats its passengers well and totes their belongings with ease.

The Forester sits on a new platform that modestly stretches the distance between the front and rear wheels. That translates into a bit more rear legroom (up-level trims add a reclining rear seat), but a taller

roofline and lower load floor adds about 10 per cent more cargo volume with the split-folding rear seat folded flat.

The cabin's more formal control-panel layout is trimmed in satin nickel and optional leather. Subaru's designers also increased the distance between the front seats and the dash to create a greater sense of spaciousness.

The Forester's only significant carryover item is the 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine (installed in 2.5i models) that generates 170 horsepower and 174 pound-feet of torque. For added punch, the 2.0XT uses a turbocharged version of the 2.0-litre four-cylinder in the BRZ sports coupe. Rated at 250 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque, it replaces the previous 2.5-litre turbo engine option that produced 224 horsepower and 226 pound-feet. The engine, which apparently won't fit into the BRZ, does show potential, however, for a future application.

The Forester's admirers likely won't be disappointed with this latest iteration's crisp styling, added performance and improved fuel efficiency.



What's not to like about room for five and good fuel economy?



When the need arises, the vehicle's four-wheel drive mountain-goat capabilities make it a popular choice.



Subaru interiors are straightforward. Compared to previous Foresters, this is actually quite an upgrade.

## By comparison



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# The electric car of Cadillacs

**Toronto Auto Show.**  
ELR to join Volt and Karma in Extended Range Electric Vehicle territory



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The 2014 Cadillac ELR is one of the cooler-looking brand-new production cars taking the stage at this week's auto show in Toronto.

It also makes GM a pioneer of sorts. Not like the folks on Little House on the Prairie, looking for really nice farming dirt. More like Thomas Edison, looking for new things that can be powered by electricity.

The Cadillac ELR is slated to start production late this year for an early 2014 on-sale date. That's when we'll find out if luxury buyers, already willing to pay a premium for a luxury ride and all it entails, are also willing to pay a bit extra for an electric powertrain.

Technically the ELR is not a pure electric vehicle. Like the



The 2014 Cadillac ELR is focusing on making the driver look good. HANDOUT

Chevrolet Volt, it has an electric motor and an internal combustion engine, the latter used primarily for re-charging the ELR's battery so the vehicle is always "electrically" driven. You can also recharge it by plugging it in. Officially, GM calls it an Extended Range Electric Vehicle.

The only other extended range electric vehicles currently on the market would be the \$42,000 Chevrolet Volt and the \$100,000-plus Fisker Karma. A little too conveniently, all GM would say about ELR's pro-

jected price is that it would be more than Volt, less than Karma.

Cadillac is figuring, like Fisker and some others, that electricity is high-tech and desirable. But the styling of the ELR screams non-electric. You could very easily imagine it to be powered by something like a high-output V6.

The ELR is longer than the Cadillac ATS, but only offers the part-time rear seating area of a 2+2. The focus is clearly on the driver and making him or her

feel good and look good.

While it has the same 1.4-litre "four" as Volt, and the same battery and electric motor set-up, it has slightly more power, due to new "battery discharge" software programming learned from Volt's first years on the road.

Handling should be several degrees better than Volt, due to a more advanced chassis, featuring 20-inch tires, a wide track, many aluminum pieces and a Watts Z-link rear suspension.

Among the many new and novel bits to ELR is Regen on Demand. When you need to slow down or come to a stop, you could use your brake pedal as usual, or you could engage Regen on Demand via paddle levers on the steering wheel. The experience is not unlike downshifting early on a manual transmission car. It's basic regenerative braking, as happens in all hybrid and EVs, but in Regen on Demand mode it does it with a lot more feeling, and a lot more electricity going back

## Details

### Bullet Pointing the ELR:

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- Top speed. 160 km/h
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into the battery. Also neat is the system that allows drivers to select four driving modes: Sport — let's boogie; Tour — default setting; Mountain — gas engine actually provides some assistance to the electric motor; Hold — keeps your battery charge for when it might be more useful and efficient, like when you get to stop-and-go city traffic after a long commute.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is tension in the air. Anything can happen at any moment. Go where your heart leads you today and don't worry about the consequences. It's OK to take a few risks. In fact, it's good for you.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

What happens today will take you by surprise, most likely because you have been fearing the worst. Could it be you were too negative in your evaluation of the situation? Of course. But now you know better.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Make sure you keep an eye on what partners and loved ones and work colleagues are up to today. Above all, don't let them sign you up for anything you are not 100 per cent convinced is good for you.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Each sign is born with its own special talent and yours is your ability to sense what other people are feeling. Use that talent today to find out why someone you love feels under the weather then cheer them up.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You can do no wrong at the moment, but that does not mean you have permission to do what you know is very wrong indeed! Yes, you can push the envelope, a little, but don't push your luck too far.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Lay down the law and make sure everyone you have dealings with knows what is expected of them. Things have been a bit sloppy of late, so get your act together and make sure those around you do likewise.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

There may be some major upheavals today but the Sun in Aquarius has you covered, so you don't have to worry too much. Other people may be a bit negative though, so watch out for harmful emotions.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If there is a social or career opportunity you would like to take advantage of then go for it — now, this very moment. The longer you sit there thinking about it, the more likely it is you'll miss out.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You can go anywhere. You can do anything. You are the master of your own destiny in every conceivable way. You find that hard to believe? Well, start believing it because it's absolutely true. Never doubt yourself.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You need to go on the offensive today. You need to make sure your rivals understand that you will not just stand there and take what they choose to give you. You're the one with the talent, so you do the choosing.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You know instinctively when other people are lying to you, and that ability will come in handy over the next 24 hours. You don't have to let them know you are on to them though, at least not yet.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Someone in authority seems to be asking a lot of you at the moment but there is a good reason for it, and an even better reason why you should play along. Maybe they are testing you for future promotion! SALLY BROMPTON

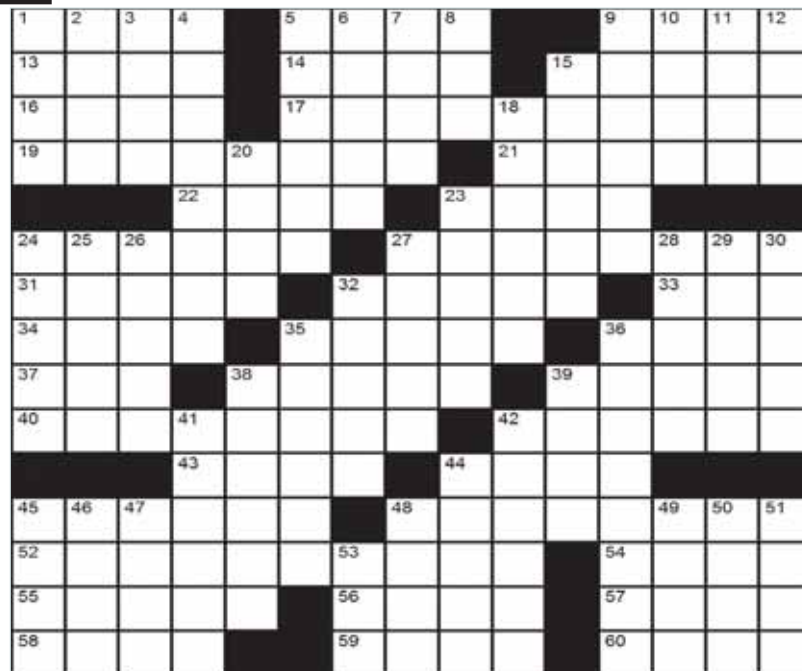
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. \_\_\_ wash jeans
5. Slang for coffee
9. Comprehend
13. Memo
14. Adam and Eve's grandson
15. Spring flower
16. "\_\_\_ Rock and Roll Music" by Peter, Paul and Mary
17. Canadian activist whose achievements include the Man In Motion World Tour: 2 wds.
19. Our national summer sport
21. Canadian filmmaker Atom
22. Pulitzer-winning writer James
23. Highbrow
24. Toronto concert venue, \_\_\_ Hall
27. Canadian rap star, \_\_\_ Offishall
31. Surface
32. "etalk" anchor Ms. Kim
33. Ginger \_\_\_
34. Cooper car
35. Makes text thicker-looking
36. Take part
37. Ms. Ryan
38. Austin's state
39. Was angry
40. Margaret Atwood bestseller, The Blind \_\_\_
42. "Beyond the Sea" singer Bobby, and others
43. Shabby \_\_\_ (Interior design style)
44. Greek cheese
45. Tranquil
48. "\_\_\_ Development"
52. Yes or No voting event in Quebec in 1980 and 1995
54. Positive
55. Apprehensive feeling
56. Crossword rendering of a bear's scratch-on-a-tree
57. Nile wader
58. \_\_\_ Scale
59. Musical based on the work of T.S. Eliot
60. Wine holder

### Down

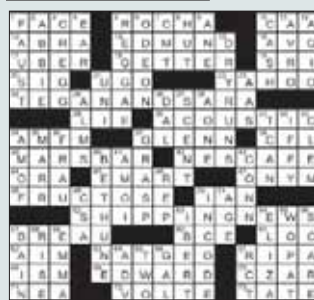
1. Indigo dye source
2. Finale, in music



3. Suffix to 'Arthr'
4. Teen drama TV series
5. Football player's numbered top
6. Fennel-like flavour
7. Viva \_\_\_ (Word-of-mouth)
8. Inquire
9. Obi-Wan \_\_\_
10. Meddlesome [var. sp.]
11. Vitamins brand, \_\_\_ Day
12. Las Vegas resorts mogul, Steve \_\_\_
15. Tiered temple
18. Mr. Fonda's
20. S-shaped moulding
23. Alberta's Oil \_\_\_
24. ABBA musical, \_\_\_ Mia!
25. Ram's sign
26. Performs a tune
27. "Canadian Idol" Season 2 winner Mr. Porter
28. Ms. Campbell
29. 1979 Sigourney Weaver sci-fi movie
30. Loans
32. Britney Spears hit
35. Next to
36. "\_\_\_ Park" (1993)
38. Vacation souvenir to wear
39. Destiny
41. Showbiz news show, "\_\_\_ Hollywood"
42. Skin layer

44. Kiwi \_\_\_
45. Stroller, in Britain
46. Letterman's rival
47. Kabul, \_\_\_
48. 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
49. Marching band instrument
50. Greek goddess of discord
51. Office table
53. Ms. Kidman, to pals

## Yesterday's Crossword

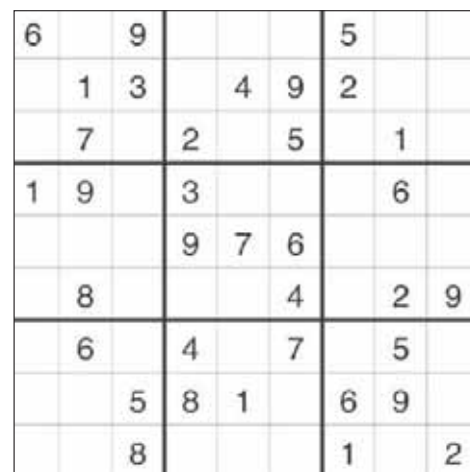


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### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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